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MATERIAL, THIN FILM FORMED USING SAME, AND
OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM"

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO-1449 form, copies of which are enclosed herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98, be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

I. SUBMITTED UNITED STATES PATENT REFERENCES

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Patentee</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
AA	5,948,497	Hatwar, et al.	September 7, 1999

REMARKS

Item AA pertains to optical recording medium which has been sputter-coated with a protective layer overlying a reflective layer and a recording layer.

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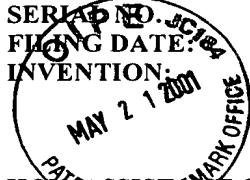
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Submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration in the above-identified application. This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

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- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 19-3140. *A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for this purpose.*

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